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SUMMARY: THE ECE GROUP OF RAPPORTEURS ON THE STEEL MARKET
MEETING WAS BASICALLY A FACTUAL REPORTING OF CONDITIONS
IN THE STEEL INDUSTRIES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE
USED AS A BASIS FOR ECE STEEL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE STEEL MARKET. END SUMMARY.

1. AUSTRIA AND SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (POLAND
AND HUNGARY) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY
WESTERN STEEL PRODUCERS, IN PARTICULAR THE EC, WERE
PUSHING THE INDUSTRY TOWARD INCREASED PROTECTIONIST
UMBRELLA AND WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THEIR TRADE. THEY
WANTED THIS POSITION TO BE REFLECTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE ECE.

2. THE ECE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THE ECE COULD NOT TAKE
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POSITIONS, BUT WOULD REPORT ON THE "FACTS" AND NATIONAL
STEEL INDUSTRY'S CONDITIONS.

3. USDEL GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATION OF COMPRE-
HENSIVE TASK FORCE PLAN AND, IN PARTICULAR, TRIGGER PRICE.
NO COMMENTS FOLLOWED.

4. BELGIUM GAVE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION OF THE EC PLAN,
EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT THE EC IN THEIR BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS WERE GUARANTEEING EXPORTERS THEIR "TRADITIONAL"
MARKET STEEL AT HIGHER PRICES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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